THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is a district Rehabilitation Centre functioning at Vijayawada and four District Disability Rehabilitation Centres have been set up at Krishna, Anantpur, Visakhapatnam and Karimnagar in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation provides soft loan for self employment ventures. Under the Scheme to Promote voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities, financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations for running manpower development programmes in the field of rehabilitation and special schools for children with disabilities. A National Scholarship Scheme for Persons with Disabilities for pursuing higher and technical education has been introduced this year.

Reservation for economically backward classes in Rajasthan

112. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the decision taken by the Government of Rajasthan to extend 14 per cent reservation to the Economically Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and by when a decision is likely to be taken up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government proposes to constitute a Commission to study and recommend reservation for Economically Backward Classes not covered by the present reservation policy.

Step motherly treatment to social sectors

113. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Social Watch India has arrived at a conclusion in its